

## MON VALLEY R/C CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## CEDAR CREEK PARK

AMA CHARTER CLUB NO. 546

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### President's Corner

Fellow MVRC Members:

This year is coming to an end. Winter will be on us soon. It's a good time to be thinking about maintenance on our air craft. If any of your engines will not be flown for more than three months, it's a good idea to lubricate the internals. Make sure to check your electronics, servos, batteries, etc. Check your linkages both at the servo as well as the engine throttle and the clevis on the moving parts that control the aircraft. I'll have some details for you at our club meeting on November 7.

We have a big club meeting planned for November 7, so don't forget to attend. We are voting for members to volunteer for the offices that guide our club. Tom King is taking nominations. See Tom for details. We will be discussing the Christmas Party details. Bring your questions and suggestions to the meeting. Also, Lew Marascalco will be presenting some valuable information about our airplanes.

During our last meeting we talked about safety and the terrible accident that recently happened at one of our nearby airfields. The pilot lost fingers and the prop didn't stop there, it continued to move up his arm. Leo Rodriguez presented the details of the incident which was pain staking to hear, but a big awakening to remind us how important it is to constantly remember SAFETY first with our airplanes. Mike Eiben is our Safety Officer. He reminds us at every club meeting about the safety items we need to remain aware of at our airfield. Please see Mike if you have any safety questions or concerns.

Lastly, we will be talking about some important issues at the club meeting. I am restarting a program to hold open discussions during the meeting to give everyone an opportunity to express any concerns or issues. I will require everyone that speaks to limit their speaking time to two minutes in order to keep our meetings from getting stalled. We will keep the total time to 30 minutes for both subjects that will be presented at the time of the meeting. I will select the two subjects which will be presented at the time of the meeting.

Please remember that I am open to suggestions for our club. I enjoy meeting with you and sharing club information. Send me emails or call me.

Keep healthy, by safe, and have fun flying!

Al Kozusko

President MVRC

## Secretary's Report (Mike Eiben, Vice-President Reports)

Meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM.

Officers Present: President, Vice-President, and Treasurer

Treasurer's Report: The club is financially sound.

Safety Officer: There was an accident at a nearby airfield. A member was starting a large scale airplane, which was not secured well and started at full throttle. The gentleman lost four fingers and was severely cut. Leo Rodriguez reported on the details.

Newsletter: Walt Severyn resigned from producing the newsletter. Thanks, Walt!

Field Report: Lawnmower decks need power washed before water is turned off. Roller has been repaired.

It was suggested to build more tables.

The giant scale event was a financial success.

Tom King is accepting nominations for club officers.

Christmas Party: It was voted to have the Christmas Party at Cedarbrook Country Club with a meal price of \$20/ person.

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### Show 'N Tell:

Mike Bunardzya and Ron Doctorick participated in the Show'N Tell during the October MVRC Meeting,

Mike Bunardzya presented his new Park Zone UMX BNF Spacewalker.

Mike stated, "The Park Zone UMX BNF Spacewalker is a bind and fly model that works with any spectrum radio. It flies great outdoors and would be perfect for indoors as well. It is rudder and elevator but is very maneuverable. I using a 1s lipo 160 mah and am consistently getting 16-17 minutes of flight time. It sells for \$79.99 with free shipping on ebay and other websites."



Ron Doctorick demonstrated a 2D CAD website: [DraftSight](#) – Dassault Systemes - Free CAD Software for students and hobbyists.

## DraftSight® CAD Software

Thanks, Mike and Ron! The Show'N Tell was both informative and educational. Let's have more Show'N Tell at every meeting!

Executive Committee Report – No Meeting

### WELCOME

### NEW MEMBERS:

List of new members will be posted in the December newsletter.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR.....

JANUARY 1: ANNUAL MVRC PLANE FLY

Who do you predict will be crowned the first pilot to fly in 2015?????



**SINCERE \* THANK YOU \***

DR. and MRS. WALT SEVERYN

There are no words that I and the Mon Valley RC Club can ever adequately express to thank Walt Severyn for the dedication, time, and effort that he has voluntarily devoted for years to make OUR newsletters the best possible.

My wife and I recently met with Walt and his wife Marcella. They invited us to their home with open arms. Walt was extremely organized and covered every possible base to help us successfully move forward with the newsletters.

We have huge shoes to fill and hope that we can successfully walk in his footsteps...one step at a time. Many thanks to you and your wife!

We look forward to your future contributions to the newsletter!

MVRC Club Members

# Safety Advice...That Could Save Your Life

A Must Read by **Leo Rodriguez**

AMA District III AVP



"I would like to open some eyes to the dangers of our hobby and how it can manifest so easily when you least expect it. I would like everyone to understand that I was not present and to use this example as something to learn from and prevent, if at all possible, at our own field.

I am speaking only from information I received and it may vary from what actually happened. There are many clubs in our area in SW PA and recently a very serious accident happened to an avid modeler at a local club who I met once or twice on occasion. Usually it takes a series of events for something to go seriously wrong and can be associated with links in a chain for example. Any one of those links, if broken, could have prevented this serious accident.

He was aiding another modeler with an engine ignition problem and was one of the only modelers who could prop the plane with enough energy to get it started. The aircraft was around ¼ scale or larger and was supported by a pvc fixture that was holding the tail and may not have been sufficient for a plane of that size and power. The control of the transmitter was in the hands of another modeler and during the course of starting the engine the engine they possibly thought it was flooded hence the standard procedure would be to turn off the ignition battery, open the throttle and prop it over a few times to clear it.

Unfortunately, a distraction could have caused the person starting the engine to forget to turn off the ignition battery and the engine fired and went to full throttle almost instantly. The preceding even led to the pvc fixture snapping, the model leaping forward and the almost 28" CF prop striking the person in the hand and taking off four fingers along with even more damage to his forearm that required much constructive surgery due to the skin damage from the prop. Quick actions from available members saved this person's life.

As for the reference to the links in the chain I mentioned earlier...

Link One - Possibly if this person wasn't distracted he would have remembered to turn off the ignition switch thus preventing the accident;

Link Two – Proper use of a well-built fixture or several helpers holding the plane may have been in order;

What I'm trying to drive home is no one wants to see anyone get injured, especially injuries that could have been preventable. Keep your wits about you and if someone is chatting in your ear during assembly of your model or sensitive exercises like starting that big bore engine, just kindly let them know and have them wait till you are done with the procedure. It's really in everyone's best interest to make sure safety is always first and practiced in everything we do. Even the smallest distractions can lead to disaster – if it happens at the right time!

Double check your procedure if you are not sure about something while it is still on the ground or before it is started, because once that model's airborne or once that engine starts may not be the time to see the error of your ways!!!

Again, let's be safe and keep an eye out for the new members also in our club. Reach out when needed, so they don't learn any bad habits."

[AMA District III Website](#)

# PHOTO GALLERY



Bob give's his heli some TLC. Wax on- Wax off!



AJ, along with Lou and Jeff, will get it going!



Leo said, "Now THIS is an engine!"



Ron is ready for action!



Doug checking an arsenal of planes!



Mike seen giving a class on foam wings!

# PHOTO GALLERY



Jeff D. is ready to go!



Jeff S. and Chad seen firing it up!



Doug gets his wings ready for combat!



Warbird 1 to Control Tower!



Jack and A. J. Trimming!



Nice Bi-Wing, Wayne!

## THANKSGIVING

Why do we eat turkey on Thanksgiving Day?

Take a minute to review a story Andrew Bell reads in a video about Thanksgiving from the History Channel. Click the Thanksgiving active link above. Do you personally recognize Thanksgiving Day only in November each year? We should really be thankful for what we have each and every day!

Bringing this concept home to the MVRC, please reflect on one or more members who made a difference to you this past year. So many times, we give thanks to someone in private and that person never really knows how much of a difference he or she made. Let me lead by example...

Reflecting back to one of my first encounters at the MVRC Field, I got out of my car and noticed there was one pilot on the field. He had just cleaned his planes and was carefully putting them into his van. I walked up to this person and explained that I just retired and was new to the hobby (having just submitted my application for entrance into the club two days prior).

After explaining some of the particulars, he then took one of his clean planes out of his van and taxied it out on the field. He handed me his radio and began to instruct me as to what makes the plane go left and then right.

After a wind gust that sent the plane over on its wing, we both went on the field to retrieve the plane. Next, he sat on a bench with me and shared the names of the magazines he reads. That experience was memorable and made a difference to me! Can you remember that, Joe?

By the way....thanks, Joe!!!!



We always have an expert to show the way!



Now this is a set-up!



Pete and Isaac get ready for their fly-over!

## Important Dates:

### November



7 – MVRC Monthly Meeting – Rostraver Municipal Building – 7: 30 PM

11 – Veterans Day – Happy Veteran’s Day to our members and their families.

### December



14 – MVRC Christmas Party – 12:00-4:00 PM at the Cedarbrook Golf Course Clubhouse Grille – Rostraver, PA - \$20.95 per meal plus tax and 18% gratuity; Children ages 5 and under – Free; Children ages 6-10 – Half Price. More information will be discussed at the Nov. 7 meeting.



I think Doug said to plug the red wire into the black wire.



Get ready - Dan is here!



Dr. Jeff and Dr. Mike doing some surgery!



Power it up!



Todd and Gary making a flight check!



Joe instructing Rich. Thanks, Joe!



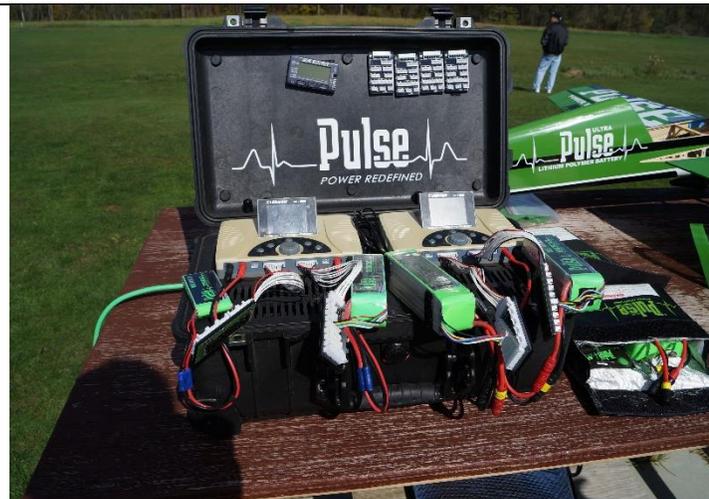
Gary preparing the extreme jet technology!



Captain Doctorick requesting permission for takeoff!



The experts at work!



Todd challenges West Penn Power!

# VETERANS DAY

A SALUTE TO OUR MON VALLEY RC CLUB MILITARY MEMBERS

WE SALUTE YOU!!! THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!!!



## Note:

If you are a Mon Valley RC member who has served (or is currently serving) in the military, we would appreciate if you would please send a photo of yourself in uniform to [richardwojnar@yahoo.com](mailto:richardwojnar@yahoo.com). This way, we can post photos of our members in the newsletter as recognition for your service.

## Military History

### [History of Veteran's Day](#)

[U. S. Army](#) – Oldest branch of the military – [Army's Birthday](#) 14 June 1775

[U. S. Navy](#) – Established on [13 October 1775](#).

[U. S. Marines](#) – [First established](#) on 10 November 1775 - (under the Navy); Established in 1798 as a separate branch.

[U. S. Coast Guard](#) – Established on [4 August 1790](#).

## Thanksgiving Day – *Cooking Turkey*



Remember..... A fully cooked turkey should have an internal temperature of 170 degrees Fahrenheit in the breast and 180 degrees Fahrenheit in the thigh.



## From the Editor

Where do I begin? I am so very thankful to present the Mon Valley RC Newsletter, although I am aware I have huge shoes to fill. Since the first day I walked on the field, it was obvious to me that the culture of this club includes members with a wealth of expertise, committed to excellence in the field, and a strong willingness to share their knowledge in order to set new members up for success from the get go.

I wanted to enter the RC field for many years, but unfortunately work dictated my life. Well, after a few career changes and 25 years on my prior civilian job (Port Authority of Allegheny County Director of Rail and Bus Operations – Retired January 2014) along with 23 years in the military (Army Security Agency and MSgt. Air Force - Rigger on a C-130 Aerial Delivery Team – Retired 2006), it is now "hobby time" at last!

I am a novice at this hobby. I currently fly my Phoenix Simulator on a 60 inch Sony 3D TV using my Spektrum DX-6 Radio. I go to the field in order to take pictures for the newsletter. I have learned so much from each of you already. Being a new member I take in all the ideas that you have generously shared with me regarding power supplies, batteries, nitro vs. gas planes, heli's, etc. It's important to recognize just how much knowledge is present on this field each day because of your dedication to continuously learning about this hobby not only for yourself, but to share with others.

I am willing to devote the time it takes to write a newsletter that you look forward to receiving. I recognize the levels of members this club encompasses (beginner, intermediate, and expert pilots) and would like to include newsletter content for every member of the club. Here's where I could really use your assistance! We need members to contribute to the newsletter in some form either by calling me with your information or by writing your information and forwarding it to me via email. You could submit links to articles, websites, product reviews, etc. Anything you contribute will be appreciated!!!!

Please remember that this is YOUR newsletter. I look forward to and need your suggestions, photos and expertise to continue moving the newsletter forward.

Rich

## Product Review Section

Please send the information you would like to post in this section for the next newsletter to [richardwojnar@yahoo.com](mailto:richardwojnar@yahoo.com) by November 15. You may choose to write a review or submit a link from other websites that conducted the review.

Thanks, Bob, for the suggestion to include this section in the newsletter!

## Classified Section

Please send the information you would like to post in this section for inclusion in the next newsletter to [richardwojnar@yahoo.com](mailto:richardwojnar@yahoo.com) by November 15. You might also desire to attach a photo of your item(s) and your contact information as well.

# PHOTO GALLERY



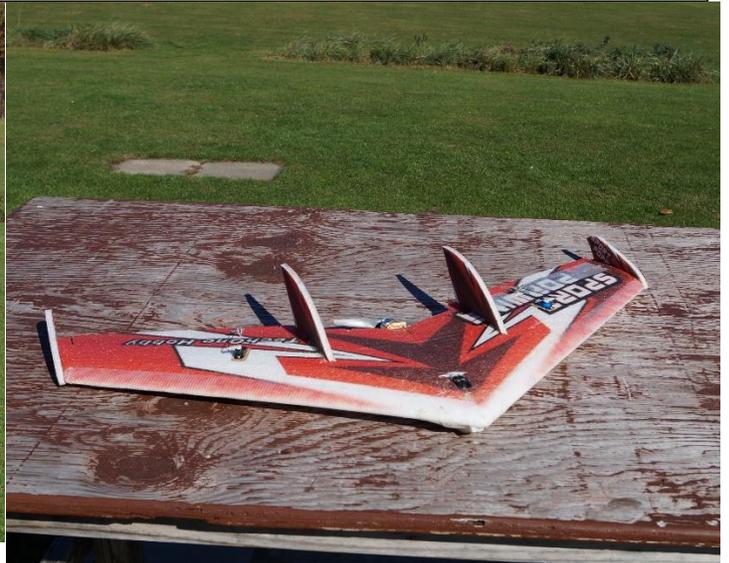
Ronald would be proud!



Warbird ready!



Aidan at the controls!



Bring on the wind!



Nice and neat!



Scott S. retrieves his foam jet!

# MEMBERSHIP DUES

## MVRC DUES

1. After Oct. 1, 2014 dues for 2015 can be submitted. New members will be immediately qualified for the remaining part of 2014 providing AMA qualifications are met.
  - Membership dues are \$35.00 (19 yrs. and older). Junior dues (12 yrs. to 18 yrs.) are \$6.00. Family dues are \$12.00 for each additional member at the SAME ADDRESS.
  - Renewals are due before December 31st. There is a \$10.00 late payment fee for renewals received after January 1st thru January 31st. After January 31st, 2015, you must reapply for membership-no exceptions.
  - Photocopy your current AMA card.
2. Write a check for the correct amount of dues (per status...family, junior, etc.)
3. Mail check (**NO CASH**) to MVRC, c/o Ron Doctorick, 212 Broadway Dr. Pittsburgh., PA. 15236 or submit check (**NO CASH**) and information at monthly meeting prior to Jan. 1st.
4. Membership cards will be processed by Secretary.
5. New members - Dues are \$35.00 plus \$35.00 initiation fee--totaling \$70.00. Complete MVRC application and submit as per item 3.
6. After submitting a new member application, new members must present themselves at the next club meeting for a membership vote.

## AMA DUES



Don't forget  AMA 2015 are also due!

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## YOU-TUBE VIDEO SECTION:

*Do you have any online videos you would like to share? Please send your videos to the newsletter editor for publication in the next newsletter.*

<a href="#">Horrible RC Plane Accident</a> Time - 2:42	This video is an extension of Leo's safety message and brings home the reality that safety must come first! <b>Caution:</b> Graphic Video (finger lacerations, etc.)
<a href="#">RC Warbird Meeting</a> GNORZ TATOO Time: 15:33	If you like warbirds, you might enjoy this video of a variety of warbird planes for your viewing.
<a href="#">Jamie Robertson 3X XFC</a> Time: 6:52	Helicopter Competition
<a href="#">Worlds Largest R/C Helicopter Event IRCHA</a> Time: 5:00	Helicopter Event
<a href="#">Joe Smith flying the 3D Hobby Shop 48" Extra 330 EPP</a> Time: 6:22	How would you rank the skill level of this pilot?

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